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**Year 1 Nightingale and Seacole Classes Newsletter: 2nd September 2019**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the summer holidays. We hope that you have had a lovely break with your children.

**Heroes!**

This half term our topic is ‘Heroes’. The children will have the chance to explore fictional heroes and heroes in their own lives. They will learn about famous heroes throughout history, such as Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We will be exploring the qualities and characteristics that make someone a hero.

**Year 1’s webpage**

Make sure to keep checking the webpage for updates on what we are learning about in Year 1. Here you will find examples of our incredible work, information about homework and links to helpful websites which will support your child’s education.

**Homework**

Homework will be set weekly and will consist of:

* 5 words to learn how to spell and 5 vocabulary words to learn the meaning of. The children will be tested on these every Monday.
* Times tables and basic maths activities to do at home.
* Child reads to an adult for a minimum of 5 minutes every day.
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We will also be sending home a half-termly “menu” of exciting topic projects for your child to choose from. If you require any support with this, please speak to your class teacher.

**Reminders**

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform and that this is clearly labelled. This also includes their P.E. kit, which should be in a clearly labelled bag. This can be left in school for the half-term so that it is readily available for P.E. lessons. Children need to bring their reading diaries and books to school every day.

We are very excited about our first half term with your children!

Miss O’Donoghue and Miss Byrne

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**Diary Dates: Autumn 2019**

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| **Date** | **Year Group** | **Time** | **Event** |
| Wednesday 11th September | Cadbury Class | 2.30pm | Gallery Event |
| Thursday 26th September | All | 3.15 – 4.00 pm | Open Afternoon*Call in to meet the adults working with your child this year, have a look at your child’s work so far and ask any questions you need to. No appointment needed – all welcome!* |
| Tuesday 1st October | Year 6 | Day | History trip to Nottingham Caves |
| Thursday 3rd October | Years 1 - 6 | AM | Harvest Celebration Assembly*Donations for the food bank welcome* |
| Friday 4th October | All | Day | School closed for one day Staff Training |
| Thursday 10th October | Cadbury Class | PM | Theatre Trip to see The Gruffalo |
| Friday 18th October | All | 3.15pm | School closes for half term break |
| Monday 28th October | All | Day | School Closed for one day Staff Training |
| Tuesday 29th October | All | 8.45 am | School re-opens |
| Monday 11th November  | All |  | National Anti-bullying Week |
| Friday 15th November | All | Day | Children in Need Charity Event |
| Wednesday 27th November | All | 2.00 – 4.30 pm | Parent – Teacher Meetings |
| Thursday 28th November | All | 3.30 – 6.00 pm | Parent – Teacher Meetings |
| Tuesday 10th December | Nursery & Reception | 9.30am | Early Years Christmas Nativity Show |
| Tuesday 17th December | Years 1 & 2 | tbc | Christmas Show Performance  |
| Wednesday 18th December | Years 3 - 6 | 9.15am | Family Christmas Sing-along |
| Wednesday 18th December | All | 3.15pm | School closes for Christmas Holidays |

